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WHO: California Latinas for Reproductive Justice

WHAT: “No Más Bebés” film screening at Fresno State University with Q& A with Executive Producer Dr. Virginia Espino & CLRJ Executive Director, Laura Jimenez
California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (CLRJ) will hold a special screening of the award winning documentary “No Más Bebés,” Thursday October 13th at California State University Fresno, followed by a question and answer session with Executive Producer, Virginia Espino, and CLRJ Executive Director, Laura Jimenez. The film’s screening in Fresno is the first time one of the film makers makes an in person appearance to screen the film in the area.

WHEN: Thursday, October 13, 2016. 6:00pm to 9:00pm

WHERE: Alice Peters Auditorium, California State University Fresno, 5241 N. Maple Ave. Fresno, CA 93740

ABOUT THE FILM:

“No Más Bebés” tells the story of a little-known but landmark event in women's history and reproductive rights. The film follows the story of Mexican immigrant women who were sterilized while giving birth at the L.A. county hospital in the late 1970s and their fight for justice. The special screening is also a fundraiser for the only Latina led reproductive justice organization in the state, where one in every three women is of Latino decent.

DR. VIRGINIA ESPINO, Executive Producer

Dr. Virginia Espino original research on the coercive sterilizations of Mexican-origin women at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center was what inspired the film. Her primary research and interviews were published in *Las Obreras: Chicana Politics of Work and Family, and Latinas in the United States: A Historical Encyclopedia*. Dr. Espino has served as a California Commissioner on the Commission for Sex Equity, Los Angeles, and a member of the Chicano/Latino Education Committee, Los Angeles.

LAURA JIMENEZ, Executive Director, CLRJ

Laura Jimenez, has worked with women of color organizations across the country on issues of reproductive justice, including the National Latina Health Organization (Oakland), the Dominican Women’s Development Center (New York) and SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive



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Justice Collective (Atlanta). Ms. Jimenez holds degrees in Ethnic Studies from both UC San Diego and San Francisco State University.

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About California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (CLRJ)

CLRJ is the only Latina led statewide reproductive justice organization in California building Latinas' power and cultivating leadership through community education, policy advocacy, and community informed research. We advance reproductive rights through an intersectional social justice and human rights framework that is committed to honoring the experiences of the more than 7 million Latinas in California, as we to uphold our dignity, our bodies, sexuality, and families.